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Dear Harold,

Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know I haven't left the country or anything.

For one reason or another, I haven't been able to get an entire weekend free to do any traveling. Thank goodness my vacation starts next week. The gypsy in me finally got the best of me - I'm driving out to Colorado. My mother & a friend are going with me. We're leaving on July 8 for 16 days. We don't have definite plans on where all we're going - it's more fun to play it by ear anyway, but we are definitely going to stop in Denver, Aspen & Colorado Springs. In the least it's going to be a "unique" experience because we're going to "rough it" in campgrounds. We've got our tent, stove & other camping gear & plan to "get back to nature." I'm really looking forward to it though because I've wanted to see Colorado for quite awhile. I know I'm going to go bananas taking pictures, that's really one of my main reasons for going. You just can't get any good "Sunset over the Rockies" type pictures in Homestead? (Sunset over the smoke stacks, maybe) I'll be sure to drop you a postcard.

The weekend after I get back I'm throwing a shower for Mary. The wedding is really getting close now - I think I'm more nervous than she is though. She & Gary found a really nice apartment almost directly across the street from the Police Station Gary

works out of. The woman who lived there before was certainly no housekeeper, so there was a lot of cleaning & painting to do. We've all been working on it for over a month & now that the painting is done & just about all the furniture is in it really looks good.

Other than my vacation, there's a couple other "news items" in my life you might be interested in hearing. I'm starting graduate school on a part time basis in September. I'll be in the Public Administration & Urban Government program so, who knows, maybe I'll be Homestead's next Borough Manager! I honestly haven't given up on law school but right now, after considering what I want to do & in which direction I hope to go, grad school seems to me to be the right move. Law school is still on my mind &, in fact, I'll probably never be satisfied untill I do go, so as far as I'm concerned it's just been delayed. The other bit of news is difficult to adequately put in writing but, at the risk of sounding weird, I'll give it a shot. I went & did something I [redacted] always swore I would never do - I fell in love! I know you'd really like him - I've mentioned him in some of my letters. Remember Alex, we met last year when he was running for Controller. Then, when I ran, he worked for me. Over the past several months the 2 of us have been working together alot trying to [redacted] put together an Organization of Independent Democrats & basically giving the "machine" alot of gray hairs. What can I say - he's intelligent (graduated 1st in his law school class), honest & concerned (not to mention cute!).

Mary saw it coming before I did. She kept telling me I was falling & I kept denying it. Now I can't even hid her about getting married because she just tells me I'm not going to be long behind her. I keep telling her not to hold her breath - if & when it ever comes to that it's going to be a while because I know I'm not ready & I don't think he is either. We both have a lot to do before we start thinking about that. Anyway, I just thought you & Lil would like to know.

I'll drop you a postcard from Colorado. As soon as I get Mary's shower out of the way, I hope to find some time to stop down. It's been quite awhile & I have alot stored up I want to talk to you about. I also still have all those index cards I did on the King / Ray books to serve you. You & Lil take care.

Best,
Karen